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In re patent application of

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For: SCANNING MICROSCOPE AND MODULE FOR A SCANNING MICROSCOPE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicant respectfully requests that the following amendment be entered into the application:

IN THE CLAIMS:

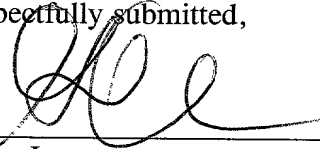
Please replace Claim 5 as filed with the amended Claim 5 as follows:

--5. (Amended) The scanning microscope according to Claim 1, further comprising a bayonet attachment connecting the module to the scanning microscope.--

REMARKS

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the above amendment prior to examination of the instant application. The amendment to claim 5 is made to include the claim dependency and is not deemed to change the scope of the invention. A marked-up version of Claim 5 showing the changes made is attached.

Respectfully submitted,



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